

The Inhabitants of Southborough
To Fitch Winchester, Chairman of a Committee
for building a Town-house

Dr

"Do Cash Paid sundry persons as per said
Committee's report made to the Town at a
legal Meeting held Nov 8. 1840 \$3905.84

Interest on 2405.84 from Nov 1st. 1840

To Feb 1^r 1841. 3 Mo.

3608

\$3941.92

Southborough 26. February 1841

P. P. Brigham & Fitch Winchester

To Asa Maynard Treasurer for the Town of
Southborough or his successor in said office

Please pay Fitch Winchett three thousand
nine hundred and forty one dollars and ninety two cents
for the purpose written Specified and with his receipt
we will allow you the same on Settlement

Feb 26 1841

Manasseh Fay } Selectmen
Elisha Johnson }
Park Fay } of
Sullivan Fay } Southboro

No 41

1841-92

The Inhabitants of Southborough.

To Mansfield Fay. Chairman of the Selectmen or To meet paid for Desk for Town Hall —	\$1.00
" " " " Ink Stand for Selectmen's room	50
" " " " Sand Box — do	" 8
" " " " Ink " " do	11
" " " " Paper " " do	24
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	\$1.83

Southboro 26 Feb 1841

Purpsey Mansfield Fay

To Arba Maynard Treasurer for the Town of Southborough
or his successor in said office.

Please pay Manasseh Fay one dollar and eighty
three cents for the within account and we will allow
you the same on settlement.

Southboro Feb. 26 1841

Manasseh Fay
Elisha Johnson } Selectmen
Parker Fay
Sullivan Fay } of
Southborough

No 35

\$1.83

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Articles of agreement made this eleventh day of February
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty,
by and between Fitch Winchester, Dexter Fay, Gabriel Parker,
Peter Fay, Arba Maynard Dana Flagg and Charles Johnson
a Committee to act for and in behalf of the Inhabitants of the
Town of Southborough in the County of Worcester and state of
Massachusetts on the one part, and Stephen M. Merrifield
of Worcester of the County and State aforesaid of the other part.
Witnesseth that whereas the said Stephen M. Merrifield has agreed with the
said Committee to make and build a house on land near the Meeting
house of the First Parish in said Southborough, for the transaction
of Town business, and for a high School, of the following dimensions
and specifications. Said house is to be 56 ft with a Porch in
front of 6 feet, making in all 62 feet long and 40 feet wide with
posts 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet long, the lower rooms to be 11 feet from the top of the
sills to the top of the girts, and the hall to be 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet from the top
of the girts to the top of the beams, the wall sills to be 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in by 8,
inside sills 8 in by 8, posts 7 in by 8, girts 8 in by 8, girders in the hall
floor 9 by 11 in, beams 9 in by 9, plates 8 in by 8, studs 7 in by 2, joists in
the first and second floors to be 6 in by 3, those in the third flooring
to be 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in by 5, the roof to be framed with Queen posts of suitable size
under rafters 6 in by 7. Corner rafters to be 7 in by 8, other beam rafters to be
6 in at one end and 7 in at the other, purlins 8 in by 9, small rafters to be
2 in by 7, horizontal braces 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet run, and all others 3 feet run and to be
braced under the plates and beams above and below the girts and on the
sills, it is understood that the Committee are to furnish 4 beams and 3
girders in the hall flooring for which they are to be allowed nine dollars
each. There is to be twenty nine windows 24 lights each, glass 9 by 12 in
N E Crown 2nd quality or Redford. Sash to be $\frac{1}{2}$ in thick. Six windows
to be sash and hung with pulleys and weights both bottom and top sash,
one of the six to be on each side of the hall and two on each side of the
Schoolroom, the windows to have sash fasteners and good window springs
and good blinds to all the windows and well painted Paris green, sash and
blinds are to be inspected before they are painted. Window frames to be made
of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch stuff, top and sides 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide and blocks in the corners
with the tops and sides grooved into the corner blocks, inside window
casings are to be bevel jambs grooved into the box casings, with
plain pilasters 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in wide with blocks in the corners.

The inclosing boards are to be pine and matched as high up as the hall floor, there is to be no lining in front under the sheathing the residue of the inclosing are to be put on without matching and straightened if they are wainey, roof boards to be pine or hemlock, and shingled with the best of eastern pine split and shaved shingles and laid not more than 4 inches to the weather there is to be an entabliture on the front and sides of the house, the pediment and entabliture in front is to project six feet and supported by four Columns 2 feet and eight inches in diameter and of sufficient length to reach an entabliture 42- or 44 in wide, Columns fluted. all the front end is to be sheathed and the shouthing to be not more than six 6 nor less than 7 inches wide, the columns to be made of 2 in plank, the sides and back end to be clapboarded the clapboards quaged to a thickness and scuffed, the back end to be an open pediment and a full return on the back corners, the pilasters are to be made in four pieces $6\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide, the sheathing and columns are to be put together with white lead paint in the joints, the sealing in the Colonnade is to be plastered with two coats the last to be stucco, with a cornice like the one at Westboro. the frieze in the front pediment to be full size the cornice, plancher, bedmolding and architrave to the entabliture reference may be had to Westboro town house, the outer door in the center to be $6\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide and height in proportion and made in two halves and a section at the top that will not open, the other outer doors $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft wide and height in proportion and made of $2\frac{1}{2}$ in stuff the outer doors and the hall door are to have glass knob latches and locks of suitable size for such doors, and all other door handles are to be of Curtis manufactory of suitable size. inside doors to Schoolroom $1\frac{3}{4}$ thick with six panells. the doors to the Committee rooms six panells $1\frac{1}{2}$ thick the hall door to be made in two halves each 3ft wide and height in proportion and $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick. the drefs rooms entrys hall and Schoolroom to be wainscotting as high as the windows. Committee rooms to be plastered down to the base, there is to be a flight of stairs from one of the committee rooms into the attic, the floor in the hall to be good eastern pine clear from knots and no boards to be more than 8 inches wide and only one pieced in a place, and the floors are to be cut within the risers of the floor of the hall and schoolroom and all other rooms the base to be put down first and the floor cut within, a span of the floor 4 ft wide each way from the hall door round to the speakers desk to be raised 6 inches

and a box seat 15 in wide and 18 in high attached to the walls of the house, the speakers desk to be 14 ft long and 7 ft wide, the floor raised two steps of 7 in above the raised part of the ^{hall} floor the table as may be seen in the drawing 18 in wide to be enclosed with setwork boards not more than 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in wide, and Table 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in thick painted black and the setwork grained. The hall is to be on all sides near down to the tops of the windows with a jet and bed molding of sufficient size to be made of stucco, the hall to be plastered with two coats the last to be stucco with a center piece of stucco of suitable size, Schoolroom floor as in the hall, to be raised on three sides a space of 3 feet and 4 in and 7 in high, with a seat attached to the walls as in the hall, Platform for Masters table raised one step with table 8 ft long 2 ft wid with drawer and lock and enclosed with setwork and painted like the one in the hall, with a seat attached to the wall, there will be five shelves in the north end of each drays room and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ coat and hat hooks in each drays room. There is to be 4 ^{cast} iron posts in the schoolroom of sufficient size to support the hall flooring, the chimneys at the north end of the hall are to commence as low down as the lathing over the schoolroom and carried separate into the attick and brought together and carried out at the ridge the same as in the townhouse at Westboro, there must be a stone in the sealing of the schoolroom near each chimney for the stove pipes to pass through into a small recess at one side of the chimneys, and a stone in each of the chimneys in the hall to receive the stove pipes in the hall, The finish at the north end of the hall to be brought out fair with the chimneys and leaving an arched recess between the chimneys as in the hall at Westboro; the sealing in the Committee rooms and entry to the hall are to be brought down to four inches from the tops of the windows: There is to be a chimney to one of the committee rooms commencing at the sealing and carried out a sufficient height with a stone in the sealing near the bottom of the chimney to receive the stove pipe, the lathing to be done with eastern lath and the nailings not more than sixteen inches apart, the furrowings for the sealing in the schoolroom are to be hung up crossways ~~the joists~~ the joists in the attick flooring to be framed to come fair with the lower side of the beams and 16 in from center to center. There must be a good joint bolt through the beams into each Queen post. The ~~chimney~~ must be well secured with lead on the roof, the window heads, door heads, tops of the pilasters and the returns ~~and the~~

round the corners to be covered with sheet lead. and over the
jet of the pediment to be a strip of lead not less than 6 in wide ~~the~~
all the outside is to be finished with the best of eastern stuff clear
from sap. not knots splits and shakers unpainted with three good
coats of pure white lead and linseed oil. the inside above the
floors to be finished with good eastern stuff clear from knots and painted
with two good coats of paint and oil same as on the out side
the stairs leading to the hall to be built as shown in the plan with
newels and handrails, the entry plastered down to the base of the
stairs and below the stairs to be wainscotting, the finish in the wood
room to be floor walls boarded boards plain and matched and a six pronged
door $1\frac{1}{4}$ in thick. the joicing upon the two lower floorings to be
not more than twenty inches from center to center, and it is
understood that the Committee if they see fit can enlarge the
timber by paying twenty dollars per thousand for such increase
and all the above described work to be done in a substantial
and workmanlike manner and completed on or before the
first day of October next. for and in consideration of which
the above named Committee agree to pay the said Alpheus
M. Merifield the sum of Twenty nine hundred dollars,
and to be payed five hundred dollars when the frame is raised
and one thousand when the building is inclosed and the residue
after deducting the aforesaid ninety dollars for the timber
to be payed when the house is completed.

and to the faithful performance of all and singular the covenants
and agreements herein contained, the parties respectively bind
themselves in the several sum of one thousand dollars
In testimony whereof the parties to these presence have hereunto
set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

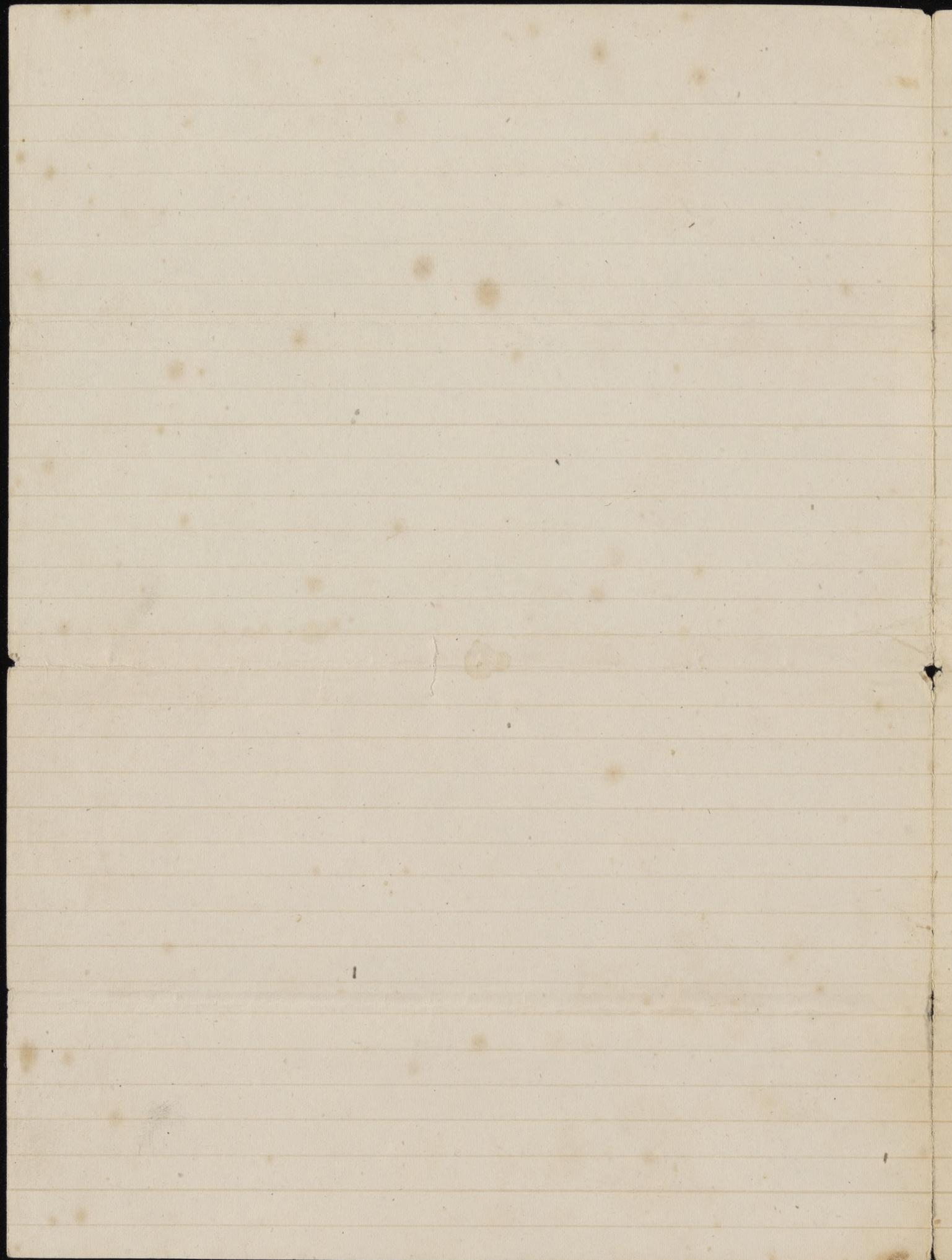
Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of us

Charles Johnson
George E. Johnson



Gitch Winchester by order
of the above named Committee

Articles of agreement made this seventeenth day of February
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six and
between Fitch Winchester, Dexter Fay, Gabriel Parker, Peter Fay,
Arba Maynard, Dana Flagg, and Charles Johnson a Committee
to act for and in behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of Southboro
in the County of Worcester and state of Massachusetts on the one part.
and Otis Claffin of the Town of Westboro of the County and state
aforesaid on the other part. witnesseth that whereas the said
Otis Claffin has agreed with the above named Committee to furnish
a set of underpinning and door steps for a Townhouse in Southboro
and also four plinths for the Columns for said house, said under-
pinning for the east side of the house and the north east corner
are to be twenty inches deep, for the north end and west side are to be
fifteen inches deep, the buttresses are to be twenty inches deep and to
be measured on the side same as the underpinning, the underpinning
is to be nine inches thick, there are to be two steps or three if wanted
the upper step to be fifteen inches wide, the others fourteen inches and
eight inches thick and length sufficient to fill between the buttresses
the top step is to be in three pieces and the pieces to meet at the center
of the plinths, the buttresses to be two feet nine inches wide and carried
out level, the in edge of the buttress and the upper step to be straightened
to receive a brick floor, the plinths are to be two feet and nine inches
square and six inches thick, the plinths steps and buttresses are to
be split and hammered stone and are to be as good as those at the town
house at Westboro, as to further dimensions and length of the under-
pinning reference is to be had to a draft furnished by the Committee
said stone are all to be delivered and set on a foundation to be prepared
by said Committee near the Meetinghouse of the first parish in Southboro
the joints of the underpinning and door steps are to be well pointed
Said underpinning is to be ready for putting on the sills on or before
the fifteenth day of May next, and the buttresses steps and plinths
are to be delivered and laid on or before the fifteenth day of July next
and in consideration of which



Contracts for
building Town
House 1840

for the corner block stones there is to be paid \$2.55 extra

the above named Committee agree to pay two shillings per
~~foot~~ running foot for the split underpinning stone and forty cents
per square foot for the split and hammered stone and five dollars
each for the plinths if they cannot be afforded for less, and to be paid
on the day of the completion of the work.

and to the faithful performance of all and singular the covenants
and agreements therein contained the parties respectively bind themselves
in the penal sum of one hundred dollars.

In testimony whereof the parties to these presents hereunto set
their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of

~~Wm. H. Kimball by order of the Committee~~

Charles Johnson

~~P. F. Clapp~~

Brought over

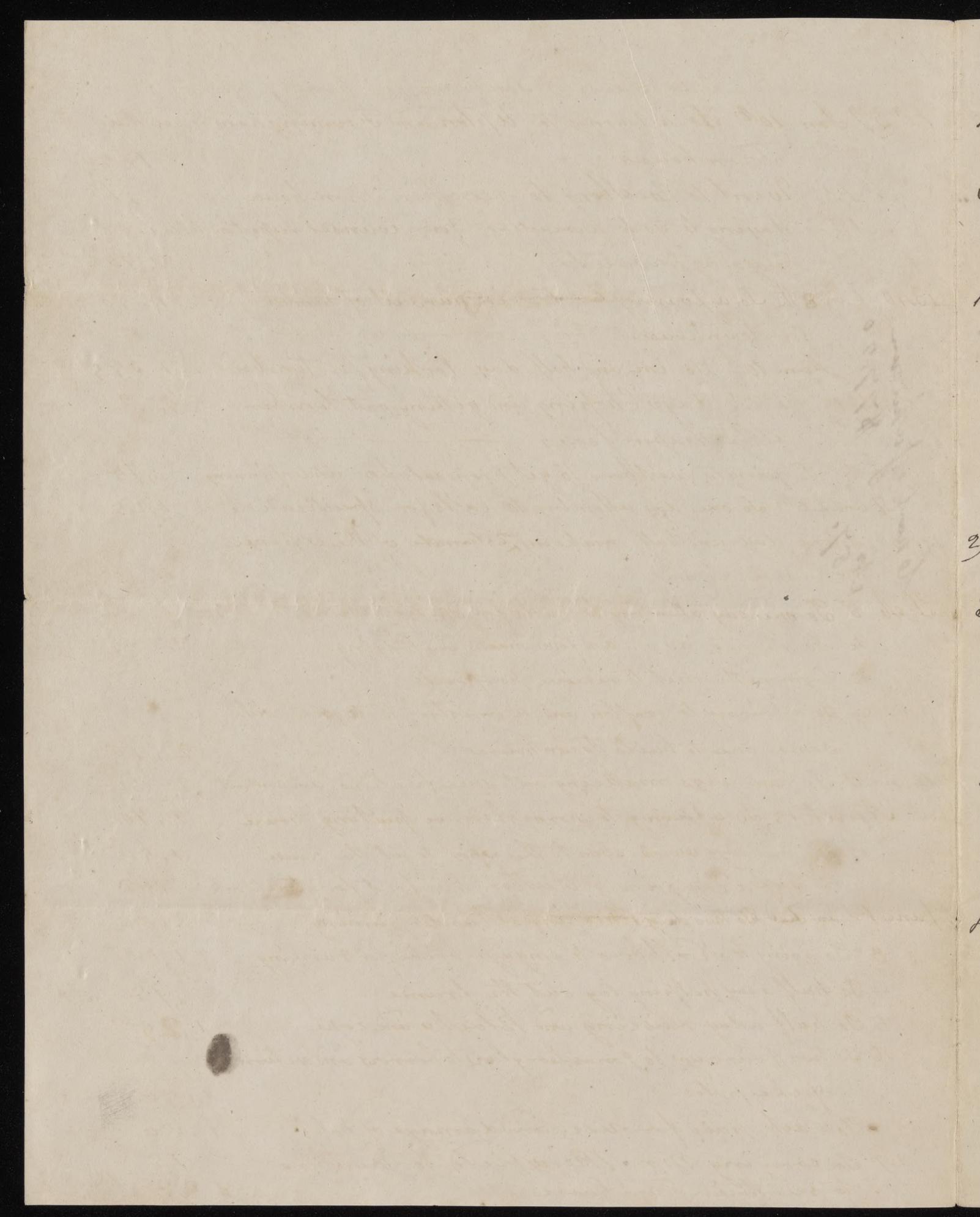
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July 10 th	To a journey to Worcester to consult Mr Washburn respecting the Contract and the best method of getting along with Mr Merrifield, and see if we could engage plinths	2,70
Aug 26 & 27	To one and half day moving the props and steps	2 28
30	going to marbleto to see if the plinths were done	50
Sept 27 and 28	To one day laying plinths and repairing the damage of the Meetinghouse	1.50 ..
Oct 8. to 14 th	To five days leveling about the house at \$1.50	7.50 ..
15 th	To helping get settees into the hall	.50 ..
	Paid Henry Leste 25cts for helping	25 ..
20	To leading the tops of the Cololumns and putting on locks &c	1.20 ..
21 & 22	To two days putting up stoves at \$.120	2 40 ..
24	To one day cutting out seat and cleaning settees	1 25 ..
Oct Nov 2:3:4:5:6	To five days getting out ledge at \$1.33	6.65 ..
7	To half a day Do	
	To making drafts for the townhouse	6.00
	To cash for postage on four letters	25
17	To three days about house	<u>3 75</u>
19	To $\frac{3}{4}$ of a day cleaning hall putting up Center lamp paid Mr Rivers 32cts for plaster 10cts	80 42
		<u>7720</u>

Rec'd payment Charles Johnson

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The Inhabitants of Southboro to Charles Johnson Dr		
1839 Jan 10 th To a journey to Upton and Framingham to see their Town houses	1, 50	
Dec 13 Went to Westboro to see their Town house	, 75	
18 To trying to go to Worcester for counsel respecting title 1, 00		
20 To going to Worcester	2, 70	
1840 Jan 8 th To a journey to Stow in pursuit of lumber for townhouse	1, 50	
Jan 10 th To one and half day looking for timber	1, 75	
13-14-15 To 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ days Chopping and getting out timber at the pauper farm	3, 25	x
25 th To going to Westboro to get proposals for underpinning	, 75	
27 and 28 th To one day attending to calls for specifications	1, 25	
29, 30 To one day and half making ^{an} estimate of the expense of the house	1, 75	
Feb 3 To one day attending to calls for specifications	1, 25	
4 To one day do and five meals and lodging	2, 25	
5 Committee met to receive proposals		
6 To a journey to Grafton and Worcester - to agree with some one to build townhouse	2, 70	
10 and 11 To two days making out specifications and contract	2 - 50	
April 15 To a journey to Worcester respecting house	2, 70	
17 To one days work about the spot to set the house	1, 50	x
To half a day going to Westboro to contract for stone work	, 58	x
June 1 st and 2 ^d To two days helping set underpinning	3, 00	x
3 To going to Northboro to engage bread for raising	1, 10	x
4 To half a day helping lay out the frame	, 75	x
5 To half a day raising and Blacking and rope	1, 25	x
6 To two journeys to Jonas Longfellow to borrow and return spike plates	1, 50	x
To cash paid for use and damage of poles	1, 00	x
27 To carrying Mr Merayfield to Westboro to see their townhouse	75	
	38, 43	

Charles Johnson
Accts \$77.20
57.

1839

To the Inhabitants of the town of Southboro.
Gentlemen.

Your Committee chose on the 12th. of Nov. last for the purpose of selecting a site on which to build a town House and also to make a plan of so contemplated house and the probable expence of the same - Beg leave to report as follows -

Your Committee are unanimously agreed that the most eligible situation is on the common south-westerly of the meeting house of the first Parish in said Town. the southeasterly corner of the projection to stand at a stake ten feet east and near the north end of a bank wall on sd. common, extending north 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet. and west 40 feet from said stake.

This selection of ground was made on condition that the first Parish in said town would convey all their right, title & interest to said ground ^{as a Parish} to the town of Southboro. and we further do think nevertheless on which the house may stand together with 10 feet in width ~~all~~ round the house and the privilege of using the common for play ground and all other purposes arising from occupying ~~the~~ house for the purposes for which it is to be erected -

Provided however that no building or fence shall be erected ^{on around} on the so feet provided for said house

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This selection of ground was made on condition that
the first Parish in said town would convey all their
right, title & interest to said ground ^{as property} to the town, as legal counsel may think perfectly
safe for the town -

Your Committee are also unanimously agreed that
it is expedient to build a house 56 feet long and
40 feet wide, with a projection in front of 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet
supported by 4 columns - Posts of the house 25 feet
in length - for a particular description of said house
reference to be had to a plan of the same -

Probable expense of said house about \$ 3000 -

Should a house be erected on the spot selected by
your Committee we would recommend that
the heirs of Solomon Eastoe be requested to
remove their stable now standing near the spot
selected —

all which is humbly submitted,

Gabriel Parker for Order
Southborough Dec^{11th} 1839

Parker

Dec 11th 1839
Gabriel Parker
and others.

Dawn House